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RECORD OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

During a personal interview March 22, 2003 between Examiner Xiomara L. Bautista and the undersigned attorney, claims 1 and 4 and Shiraishi, United States Patent No. 6,6121,508 were discussed. Examiner Bautista indicated that the above amendments to the claims might distinguish over Shiraishi, but that she would then do further searching, and so would not enter such an amendment since the application was under final rejection. Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed, together with this Preliminary Amendment.

Examiner Bautista brought attention to the monitor on her computer work station. The monitor can be rotated about a horizontal axis perpendicular to its display surface, and the display can be rotated to be upright.

Subsequent to the interview, Examiner Bautista telephoned the undersigned attorney to bring attention to United States Patent No. 6,137,468.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 have been amended to more particularly define the invention.

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Shiraishi, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,621,508 B1. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The above claims make even more clear that in the present invention the image, which forms the display, rotates on the display section. In contrast, Shiraishi discloses rotation of his display device in order to effect certain functions, such as turning on the power. See Shiraishi at, for example, column 14, line 62 to column 15, line 6. Shiraishi does not disclose rotation of the image on the display section.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-24, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

The Applicant is considering filing of a Supplemental Amendment to bring out even further distinguishing features of the present invention over the prior art, and so it is requested that the Examiner await receipt of that Supplemental Amendment before taking further action in this application.

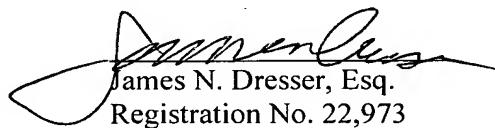
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

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To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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